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CAMP 17TH REGIMENT N. C. TROOPS, }  
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May 30th, 1864. }

TO THE CITIZENS AND SOLDIERS OF EDGECOMB COUNTY.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Edgecomb county. I have now been in the service for nearly three years; my principles are opposition to the last to the unprincipled demagogues who by their vile misrepresentations are giving aid and comfort to the worst enemy that ever waged war. I have the utmost confidence in President Davis and his administration, believing that in some things he may have erred, while in the greatest affairs he has proven himself sublimely great, but to those who know me it is useless to express my opinion. My actions have proven whether I was in favor of Davis and freedom or Holden and slavery to the worst vandals that ever breathed. In conclusion, while I feel fully aware of my own deficiencies, I yet promise the people of Edgecomb before whom I now appear soliciting their suffrages, that if elected, I will serve them with diligence and economy.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. JENKINS,

Lt. Co. I, 17th N. C. Troops.

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